

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

The money that some professional sportsmen earn shouldn't impress anyone when you take into (1) the fact that only a few of them manage to (2) immortality and everlasting fame. And once they reach their (3) and display their talent at their best, they are fully conscious that their brilliant careers won't last for ever. They live under a constant pressure of being (4) and subsequently replaced by someone who is younger, faster and more (5). For that reason, objectives like retirement benefits and pensions are (6) great concern to all professional athletes.

Some of the retired competitors go as far as to organize strikes and rallies to (7) their protest against any policy unresponsive to their demands (8) the younger professionals seek more upgrading solutions to the problem as more and more of them attach a proper significance to (9) a solid education, even at university level. Such an approach should help them find interesting and well-paid jobs (10) their sports career is over.

A completely new strategy has been (11) by the schools priding themselves (12) supporting their own teams. Their authorities insist that the sports clubs members achieve high academic standards or else they are debarred from partaking in certain sports events, which may lead to further (13) in their professional careers.

By these practical and most effective (14), combining education with sports activity, the (15) of the professional athlete as being brainless and unintelligent may eventually be changing to the sportsmen's benefit.

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| 1. a) reflection | b) attention | c) examination | d) consideration |
| 2. a) obtain | b) fulfil | c) attain | d) succeed |
| 3. a) prime | b) shape | c) best | d) capacity |
| 4. a) outcast | b) outshone | c) outstayed | d) outgrown |
| 5. a) achieved | b) attributed | c) accomplished | d) accredited |
| 6. a) with | b) in | c) at | d) of |
| 7. a) voice | b) claim | c) insist | d) speak |
| 8. a) whereby | b) whereas | c) whereupon | d) wherein |

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| 9. a) mastering | b) learning | c) receiving | d) attending |
| 10. a) right away | b) promptly | c) barely | d) once |
| 11. a) assembled | b) installed | c) devised | d) emerged |
| 12. a) with | b) on | c) for | d) in |
| 13. a) disruption | b) hitch | c) detachment | d) wreckage |
| 14. a) grounds | b) results | c) factors | d) means |
| 15. a) vision | b) outlook | c) image | d) judgement |

II. Replace the italicized verb or phrase with the synonymous phrasal verb in the correct form.

bring about	care about	do up	get over	give away
hand in	hold on	make out	put in for	run into
set off	stand out	take over	turn down	wrap up

- Stop telling me about this tournament. *I'm not interested in it.*
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- We have decided to *redecorate* our sitting room in August.
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- Martin's condition was rather bad, but after a series of antibiotic injections he *recovered from* his illness.
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- Unfortunately, our secret plans had been *revealed* by someone before we managed to put them into practice.
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- The switchboard operator told me to *wait on the phone* before she made the connection.
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- The inscription on the label was written in such a small print that I could hardly *understand its meaning*.
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- I'm very sorry to say that I'm leaving your class for some time. Mr Blackley will *take my place*.
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- At first, they seemed to be amazed at Peter's offer of two thousand pounds, but in the end they *rejected* it.
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9. It's essential that you **deliver** the documents in person by Thursday.
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10. Alice is going to **apply for** the job of a sales assistant in Newcastle.
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11. The only accident that happened last night was in Gloucester. A lorry **collided with** a tractor and the both drivers were slightly wounded.
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12. The guide advised us to **put on some warm clothes** as cold weather was forecast.
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13. Around midday, it started to rain heavily and the hikers had to wait for about half an hour before **starting their trip**.
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14. You won't have any problems with recognizing him. He **is easily seen** even in a large crowd because of his great height.
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15. Making any unauthorized alterations may **result in** a failure of the machine.
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III. Replace each italicized adjective with a synonymous one.

absorbing	desperate	fatal	genuine	graceful
horrible	idle	innocent	judicious	mean
ordinary	painful	praiseworthy	precise	puzzled

1. This is not a very **wise** decision. Just think of all the consequences such an action might lead to.
2. Mark was charmed by the girl's **elegant** movements and her good manners.
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3. This is nothing new. It's just a **usual** transistor radio.
4. Our academy admits only people with a **real** interest in art.
5. The **bitter** feeling of having been deserted by his closest friends made Stanley leave the city for ever.
6. If you need some more **specific** information, turn to Mr Smith, who is in direct control of our department.
7. The **terrible** discovery of a skeleton in Mrs Preston's garden has provoked endless speculations about a murderer hiding somewhere in the neighbourhood.
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8. The local newspapers write about the boy's **admirable** courage. After all, he was the only one who hurried to the rescue.
9. The suspect claimed he was **not guilty** and that the robbery was committed by someone else.
10. I was so **confused** by the chairman's reply that I didn't know whether I was allowed to cast the vote or not.
11. Since Mrs Johnson's unexpected resignation, we have been in an **urgent** need of a new secretary.
12. Mike's comment on the political crisis in our country provoked a **fascinating** discussion which kept us awake during the whole night.
13. He is usually very **lazy**, so we have a hard time of making him do his lessons properly.
14. The poor mother went mad after she had learnt about her son's **deadly** accident.
15. Don't bother to ask him a favour. He is too **selfish** to help other people.

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. I don't usually sleep after work. (**in the habit**)
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2. Little Tommy was expecting Christmas with real delight. (**forward to**)
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3. The young clerk didn't know how to deal with this complicated matter. (**capable**)
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4. Alan is both a good sprinter and a skilled jumper.
Besides
5. Several workers refused to join the strike. (**opposed**)
.....
6. I haven't lent my new lawnmower to anybody.
Nobody
7. Peter's hair really ought to be cut. (**needs**)
.....
8. The attacker made me open the safe.
I was

9. In spite of countless obstacles, Jim succeeded in building his own house. (successful)

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10. I'll go upstairs to find out if they have already vacated the rooms. (sure that)

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V. Choose the correct answer.

1. Mrs Hurston was in deep after her husband's unexpected death.

- a) regret b) grief c) lament d) disturbance

2. The Martins have confirmed their strong to charity actions by donating a lump sum of money again.

- a) compliance b) reliance c) assignment d) commitment

3. The other party has raised a number of to the reforms in the tax system.

- a) problems b) objections c) difficulties d) complaints

4. My older brother is extremely fond of astronomy, he seems to a lot of pleasure from observing the stars.

- a) derive b) possess c) seize d) reach

5. I can accept criticism in general, but George really it too far, so I had no other option but to show my disapproval.

- a) carried b) pushed c) put d) made

6. When old Mr Barnaby died, several people their claim to the substantial legacy that he left.

- a) placed b) drew c) assumed d) laid

7. The relations between these two countries have become very after the unpleasant incident at the border.

- a) reckless b) excitable c) feverish d) tense

8. The press puts on the police forces who were unable to cope with the crowd of savage hooligans.

- a) fault b) charge c) blame d) guilt

9. On entering the nursery I stumbled on the wooden blocks all over the carpet.

- a) plunged b) scattered c) settled d) tossed

10. No matter how loudly you shout to him he won't hear you. He is as deaf as a

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- a) bat b) stump c) tomb d) post

11. The jury her compliments on her excellent knowledge of the subject.
a) paid b) gave c) made d) said
12. We couldn't stay long, so we only wished Mark many happy of his birthday and hurried to the airport.
a) days b) returns c) moments d) regards
13. Ever since we quarrelled in the office, Janice and I have been enemies.
a) assured b) confirmed c) defined d) guaranteed
14. If I had known that she had fallen so seriously, I'd certainly have visited her in hospital.
a) ill b) unhealthy c) invalid d) unwell
15. A young tourist has been declared after he got lost in the mountains last Monday.
a) absent b) deserter c) missing d) vanished
16. You needn't hurry. You may take your before you give me the definite answer.
a) while b) minute c) time d) thinking
17. Michael was with anger when he saw his car had been scratched.
a) stored b) fixed c) loaded d) filled
18. The schoolboy's excuse wasn't at all. Nobody in the classroom believed in the far-fetched story he told.
a) credential b) credible c) creditable d) credulous
19. The professor wasn't with the current political affairs in his country after his long stay abroad.
a) familiar b) present c) knowledgeable d) actual
20. It's not easy to make Stanley furious, the boy is very gentle by
a) himself b) personality c) reaction d) nature